

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-51. (canceled)

52. (original) A system for extracting data from sources of network-based information in a communications network comprising a plurality of network servers programmed to transmit network-based information over said network, comprising:

a script program, implemented on a computer in said communications network, structured to extract data from network-based information provided by one of said network servers; and

an object embedding program, implemented on a computer in said communications network, comprising a link to said network-based information provided by said one of said network servers and a link from which said object embedding program can locate said script program, said object embedding program being structured to apply said script program to said network-based information so as to cause said data to be extracted from said network-based information, and to embed said data within a compound document implemented on a computer in said communications network.

53. (original) A system in accordance with claim 52, wherein said link from which said object embedding program can locate said script program comprises a direct link to said script program.

54. (original) A system in accordance with claim 52, wherein said link from which said object embedding program can locate said script program is said link to said network-based information, and wherein said network-based information in turn comprises a link to said script program.

55. (original) A system in accordance with claim 52, wherein said link from which said object embedding program can locate said script program comprises said link to said network-based information, and wherein said network-based information comprises an identification of a table comprising a link to said script program.

56. (original) A system in accordance with claim 52, wherein said link comprises a universal resource locator.

57. (original) A system in accordance with claim 52, wherein said computer on which said object embedding program is implemented comprises said computer on which said compound document is implemented.

58. (original) A system in accordance with claim 52, wherein said network-based information is a page of information.

59. (original) A method of extracting data from network-based information in a communication network comprising a plurality of network servers programmed to transmit network-based information over said network, comprising the steps of:

executing an object embedding program implemented on a computer in said communications network to locate a script program from a link in said object embedding program, to apply said script program to network-based information, provided by said one of said network servers, to which said object embedding program is linked by a link in said object embedding program, and to apply said script program to said network-based information;

executing said script program, implemented on a computer in said communications network, to extract data from said network-based information provided by said one of said